

**Town of Royalston
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, August 22, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Andrew West, Chairman; Thomas Kellner, Clerk; and Linda Alger, Member.

1. Chairman West called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
2. The minutes of the 8/1/06 meeting were read. One change was made and noted. Ms. Alger made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The minutes of the 8/8/06 meeting were also read. One change was made and noted. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve the minutes with the change. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a) Chairman West signed paperwork for reimbursement of Chapter 90 funds.
 - b) Discussion was held regarding a bill from Guilford Railroad for the lease of property under the tracks for the sewer and water main.
 - c) Mr. Kellner made a motion to appoint Mariah Mallet to the Council on Aging. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 - d) Ms. Alger made a motion to approve the state primary election warrant. The election will be held on 9/19/06 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
4. 7:30 p.m. – Liquor License Transfer Hearing for Royalston General Store. Mr. Kellner stated that he feels the store is a positive entity for the town and is much more feasible with a liquor license. Mr. West explained that the change in ownership is the reason for the transfer and that a full liquor license exists. Mr. Kellner made a motion to endorse the liquor license transfer to Tom and Pat Bushee. Ms. Alger seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
5. Department Heads Reports:
 - a) Open Space Committee – Aaron Ellison reported that none of the recent one-year appointees to the Committee want to serve. They recommend dropping the number of members from nine to seven, as it would be easier to get a quorum at meetings. Mr. Ellison gave an update on the recent activity of the Committee.
 - b) Animal Control Officer – Robin Mowrey reported that on 8/13/06 there was another attack by Deegans dog on Millie Poor's dog. Mr. Kellner noted that the Deegans have already been told to keep their dogs restrained. Mr. West will tell the Deegans that they must remove the offending dog from town. Mr. Mowrey will insure that this is done.
 - c) DPW –
 - 1) Discussion was held regarding parking at the Town Hall during events. Keith Newton gave recommendations on how to mark the area around the memorial as a No Parking zone.
 - 2) Mr. Newton presented the Board with requests for Chapter 90 roadwork projects on Falls Road, Athol Road and North Fitzwilliam Road.
 - 3) Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept a bid from Mark Wilhite for the Fire Department Station 2 roof project in the amount of \$11,100. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 - 4) Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept a bid from Philip Casavant Painting for prep and painting of the East & North sides of the Town Hall in the amount of

\$15,400. Ms. Alger seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

- 5) Mr. Newton presented the Board with a revised process for Driveway Permits. Some changes were suggested. Mr. Newton will make the changes and present the updated information to the Board.
- 6) Mr. Newton will check with the structural engineer who did the report on the Town Hall fire escape. Geoff Newton recommended that the fire escape be cross-braced.
- 7) Discussion was held regarding the progress of the preliminary portion of the Route 32 project. The Board would like to hold a public hearing on the upcoming project in the near future.

6. Old Business:

- a) Mr. West reported that he attended a meeting with George Woodbury and representatives from National Grid. National Grid is currently working on adjusting their calculations.
- b) Mr. West received e-mail from Werner Bundschuh regarding the condition of some of the trees on the Common. The correspondence will be forwarded to the Tree Warden.
- c) Mr. West has been researching computer purchases and leases. He will talk to the Finance Committee Chairman regarding costs for both. He has also been speaking to consultants regarding high speed Internet in town. Several small towns have formed a consortium to try to get companies to assist them to get high speed Internet. Royalston will join.

7. The Treasury warrant was signed.

8. At 10:00 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton.